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1. CLOSING OF BAHRAIN SCHOOL WOULD POSE PROBLEMS AND HARDSHIPS
FOR US MILITARY AND CIVILIANS IN SAUDI ARABIA. SCHOOL AT
PRESENT CONTAINS EIGHTY-ONE STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS WORK IN
SAUDI ARABIA, OVER HALF IN MILITARY SERVICES OR DEFENSE-
RELATED CIVILIAN FIRMS (ONLY ELEVEN FROM ARAMCO). CLOSURE OF
BAHRIN SCHOOL WOULD UNDERMINE PRESENT EFFORTS TO ATTRACT
HIGHER-QUALITY USMTM PERSONNEL FOR ACCOMPANIED TOURS AND WOULD
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HAVE SIMILAR ADVERSE EFFECT ON CIVILIAN FIRMS' RECRUITMENT

EFFORTS, SINCE CLOSEST HIGH SCHOOL BOARDING FACILITIES WOULD THEN BE IN BEIRUT.

2. SINCE FUTURE OF US MIDEASTFOR FACILITIES WILL NOT BE DECIDED WITHIN SHORT TIME WITHIN WHICH WE PRESUME SCHOOL NEEDS ASSUR- OF ITS CONTINUED OPERATION, EMBASSY URGES THAT DEPARTMENT STRESS TO DOD ADVERSE IMPACT ON RECRUITMENT OF BOTH US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FOR SAUDI ARABIA WHICH WOULD FOLLOW CLOSURE, AND URGE DOD TO MAKE EARLY DECISION TO CONTINUE SCHOOL AT LEAST THROUGH 1974-75 INSTRUCTION YEAR.
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